

National Narcotics Intelligence System (NNIS)

1. The NNIS, according to the OMB concept paper, is designed to support Myles Ambrose, Director of Drug Law Enforcement (DDALE), whose missions now center on domestic enforcement. It follows from this that the NNIS primarily will be a domestic intelligence system. This is compatible with the foreign intelligence system.

2. If DDALE is to become an arbiter or coordinator of federal law enforcement on drug abuse, it also follows that his intelligence director (DNNI) will perform a similar coordinating function on domestic intelligence related to drug abuse enforcement. This is needed.

3. The paper implies that DDALE may get a charter broader than he has now to coordinate U.S. enforcement type activities abroad. Intelligence support for him in this broader role would not seem to require any major realignment of the foreign intelligence community. The reporting and production of the intelligence community can be readily fed into NNIS, both in Washington and abroad.

4. Given the central thrust of DDALE's missions on domestic enforcement, the proposal for establishing a USIB Narcotics Committee chaired by the DNNI has two major faults: (a) A USIB Committee would not cover the domestic intelligence side of the problem, and (b) A USIB Committee would duplicate many of the functions now performed by the existent Intelligence Subcommittee of the CCINC. A better approach would be to broaden terms of reference of the CCINC Intelligence Subcommittee so that it would apply to both foreign and domestic national intelligence on narcotics, and the DNNI could chair the Intelligence Subcommittee. This would have the virtue of using an existent group of experienced narcotics specialists who are functioning well and who can help mobilize in tandem both foreign and domestic intelligence.

5. With respect to detailing of personnel from CIA and other members of the foreign intelligence community, the DCI is willing to help and would appreciate an early estimate of probable personnel needs, both in terms of numbers and qualifications.

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